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About the Author

Non-fictional books by Dr. Aquino generally fall into three categories: historical, practical, and initiatory.

Historical works include *The Neutron Bomb* (a study of the domestic and foreign politics surrounding the proposed NATO introduction of that weapon in 1977-8) and *Extreme Prejudice* (a documentary exposé of the 1986-7 “Satanic ritual abuse” scam at the Presidio of San Francisco).

Two other [2-volume] books - *The Church of Satan* and *The Temple of Set* - are not only histories but initiatory analyses as well, examining the philosophical and metaphysical concepts which define and energize those religious institutions.

As one of the U.S. Army’s extremely rare Political-Military Affairs Officers [with credentials in Strategic & Space Intelligence, Psychological Operations, Special Forces, Civil Affairs, Defense Attaché, and Foreign Area Officer], Dr. Aquino has also introduced the practical application of “MindWar” as a methodology for reducing, if not eliminating contemporary humanity’s obsession with and reliance upon murderous, destructive conventional war (PhysWar”). His 2013 book *MindWar* introduces this solution and outlines its successive stages of implementation.

Finally a purely-initiatory work, *MindStar*, addresses the purely-metaphysical “soul” of human thought which *MindWar* [as a practical curriculum] omits, confronting the elusive questions of human divinity and immortality.

Unsurprisingly Dr. Aquino’s fictional ventures - *We Break the Sword*, *FireForce*, and *Morlindalë* (“authored” by The One Ring) - all draw upon extensive political and philosophical principles in their telling. Both *FireForce* and *Morlindalë* utilize the literary technique of parody in a serious, rather than humorous exploration and extrapolation of the original source.

Additionally Dr. Aquino has recovered and Edited a collection of childhood poems by his mother, Betty Ford: *Pegasus in Pinfeathers*.

All of these books are available on Amazon in both printed paperback and Kindle ebook editions.

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